

Appl. No. : **10/799,529**
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1-4, 6-21, 29-33, 40-47, 52, and 59-62, i.e., all the pending claims.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Battistoni et al. (USP 3,635,797).

Proposed Amendments

Applicants proposed to change the phrase “post-fermentation mixture” to “aerobic fermentation supernatant.” Applicants also proposed to include the aerobic fermentation limitation into the independent claims.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants argued that Battistoni does not disclose or suggest aerobic fermentation. Applicants further suggested that the Examiner has agreed with this characterization of the reference because the Examiner had indicated that claim 5, directed to aerobic fermentation would be allowable. Applicants’ representative also pointed out the written description support for the phrase “aerobic fermentation supernatant.”

Results of Interview

The Examiner stated that the proposed amendments and arguments seemed reasonable. The Examiner will fully consider the amendments and arguments once a response has been filed.